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SUBJECT: U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT

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1. SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL ANNOUNCE IN BRASILIA EVENING

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OF FEBRUARY 19, THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS AUTHORIZED U.S.
SIGNATURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT OF 1976.
EMBASSIES IN PRODUCING COUNTRIES SHOULD CALL THIS ANNOUNCE-
MENT TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, IF POSSIBLE
ON FEBRUARY 20.

2. THE AGREEMENT IS OPEN FOR SIGNATURE AT U.N. HEAD-
QUARTERS IN NEW YORK. THE DEPARTMENT WILL INSTRUCT USUN

TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT SHORTLY. SUBSEQUENT TO SIGNATURE
THE PRESIDENT WILL SUBMIT THE AGREEMENT TO THE SENATE FOR
ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION.

3. WHILE WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN
OBTAINING THE SENATE'S ADVICE AND CONSENT, IT SHOULD BE
RECOGNIZED THAT SHARPLY RISING PRICES ARE RESULTING IN
INCREASED CONSUMER CONCERN. THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY SCHEDULED OVERSIGHT HEARINGS ON
COFFEE PRICES FOR MARCH 16. WE EXPECT THE AGREEMENT WILL
RECEIVE CLOSE SCRUTINY FROM THE SENATE AND WE MUST
BE IN A POSITION TO PRESENT THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE CASE.
IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PRODUCING
COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO OFFER REGULAR SUPPLIES OF COFFEE
TO THE MARKET BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 1, 1976, THE DATE
OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE NEW ICA. ANY GOVERNMENTAL
OR OTHER MEASURES TO RESTRICT OR REDUCE THE FLOW OF
COFFEE COULD GREATLY COMPLICATE OUR TASK OF SECURING
RATIFICATION.

4. DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN THE REACTION AND
COMMENTS, IF ANY, OF HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND IN
LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF THE SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENT. INGERSOLL

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